

Rail Shipments

Rail Waybill Data, 1988-1992

Abstract

This database contains public-use, aggregate, non-confidential rail shipment data such as origin and destination points, type of commodity, number of cars, tons, revenue, length of haul, participating railroads, and interchange locations. The data are based on the Carload Waybill Sample, which is a proprietary sample of freight waybills that were submitted to the Interstate Commerce Commission (now the Surface Transportation Board) by Class I Railroads.

Source of Data

Class I Railroads.

Attributes

Geographic Coverage of Data: U.S. Class I Railroads
Time Span of Data Source: 1988-1992
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Sponsoring Organization

U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Availability

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Rail Shipments From and To Minnesota, 1994 *

Originated within Minnesota: major commodities shipped by rail, ranked by weight		
Commodity	Tonnage	Percent of state total
Metallic ores	37,405,391	56
Farm products	11,771,252	18
Food products	4,066,410	6
Coal	2,825,344	4
Chemicals	2,583,140	4

Terminated within Minnesota: major commodities shipped by rail, ranked by weight		
Commodity	Tonnage	Percent of state total
Coal	24,555,914	34
Metallic ores	22,091,590	31
Farm products	9,432,053	13
Chemicals	5,924,900	8
Pulp and paper	1,800,076	2

*The five largest (by tonnage terminated and originated) of the 36 two-digit Standard Transportation Commodity Code groupings, and the percentage that commodity represents of all tonnage handled within the state.

SOURCE: Rail Waybill Data, compiled by the DOT Surface Transportation Board (formerly part of the Interstate Commerce Commission) and the DOT Federal Railroad Administration (Washington, DC: 1996).